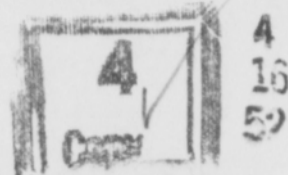


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SECOND IN CONTEST

For the second year in succession Chemawa 7th and 8th grades competed against one another for a chance to enter the spelling contest that is sponsored annually by The Oregon Statesman, newspaper, and KSLM, Salem radio station, the honor falling this year to Frances McGriff.



Frances McGriff

In what according to the sponsors was the longest spelling contest in two years Frances McGriff, Chemawa's representative placed second. Competing against spellers from ten other schools, Frances held out until her spelling of "vengeance" eliminated her. Having correctly spelled "recommend" immediately before, Frances was assured of second place. These two words will be our keywords for her at the final contest to be held in Salem, April 3, for we highly "recommend" her to spell with a "vengeance" that will bring further recognition to Frances, herself, and Chemawa.

Frances is a seventh grade student from Orting, Washington. She was chosen to represent Chemawa after weeks of eliminating challengers from both seventh and eighth grades. Marie Barr and Cassimer Andrews were "runners-up" in our own contest and we are sure that they too, would have done well in the district eliminations.

Our sincere congratulations and hopes for her success in the finals go to Frances and her teacher, Mrs. Cate.

A liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe any one else.
—G. B. Shaw.

FRESHMEN ASSEMBLY

That the majority of the regular students come from Washington was evidenced during the assembly program sponsored by the Freshmen class. Correlating their English, Orientation, Art, and Music classes they traveled as far north as Alaska and to Montana, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, New Mexico, and Arizona—those states being represented in the student body here at Chemawa.

Two speakers for each state related briefly the history and geographical features of that state. In response to letters written to the respective Secretaries of State, the class received the words and music of most of the state songs. In each instance, the second speaker called upon members of the student body to stand while their state song was sung.

A third student displayed the state flag which had been drawn by members of the class. Following the trip from one state to another, two students drew outlines of those states on a blackboard that the audience might appreciate the size and contour of that state.

The program was concluded with the class president's reminding the audience that these states are an important part of the United States—the great America. In tribute to which the class sang "God Bless America" as the U. S. flag was prominently displayed.

Speakers on the program were: Orin Allen, Joe Coburn, Yvonne Choate, Merthin Snipe, John Thorpe, Mary Eyle, Charles Wyman, Leslie Thomas, Jim Switler, Billy Sharpe, Ellevida Cleveland, Roberta McDevitt, Margaret Kennerly, George Umtuch, Peggy Washington, Oscar Minke, Ramona Calvin, Dorothy Harris, Anna Lou Evans and Arthur Lane. Miss Gordon directed the program and Mrs. Johannaber directed the music.

CHEMAWANS ROTARIAN GUESTS

On Wednesday, February 27, the Indian club went to the Marion Hotel in Salem to entertain the Rotarians who were having their daughter and sons' day. Mrs. Brannon, Mr. Holm, Mary Lane, and Leo Reeves presented talks about the school at the luncheon. The Indian club gave a program of Indian dances.—Mary Lane, Grade 12.

72nd BIRTHDAY

February is a month of famous birthdays among them being that of Abraham Lincoln, February 12th, George Washington's February 22nd, Henry W. Longfellow's February 27th and Chemawa's, February 25.

It is the last named birthday that is celebrated and enjoyed by the students of the Chemawa Indian school.

This year Estelle Swain, a Paiute, from Klamath Falls agency, reigned over the celebration. Estelle is a sophomore in Chemawa high school.

The program opened at 7:00 p.m. with greetings from Superintendent Holm.

The theme of the evening pageant was "Traditionally Yours," in which Father Time brought a birthday letter to the new Queen, the students and employees. Ten native dances of Northwest and Navajo were presented. The junior high girls' chorus sang American Folk songs.

At the end of the pageant Queen Estelle and her escort led off in the Rabbit dance, which is a social dance of the Northwest tribes. She was followed by her court, other students and guests.

Estelle's court consisted of four princesses and their escorts. The princesses were: Ida Jean McCash, senior, who crowned the queen, Leona Showaway, junior, Eleanor Rabbie, freshman, and Jane Badoni of the special Navajo program. The escorts were Leslie Thomas, queen's escort, George Umtuch, Orin Allen, James Showaway and Arnold Harrison, escorts of the princesses. Little Jasper Washines carried the Queen's crown to the throne.

Following the pageant and Rabbit dance refreshments were served. The cutting and serving of the huge birthday cake which had been baked and decorated by Mrs. Sanders and her boys and girls closed the formal program which was followed by social dancing.

It is estimated that more than 1000 people crowded into the gym to sing "Happy Birthday Dear Chemawa" and witness the pageant. We all join in wishing many more happy birthdays to Chemawa, which literally means, "Our happy home."

I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday, and I love today.—William Allen White.